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## GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 100 JOBS FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY

**RALEIGH**– Gov. Mike Easley announced today that Framatome ANP, an AREVA subsidiary, will expand, adding 100 jobs to their operation in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg County area.

"AREVA's decision to expand and invest in the Charlotte-area means high quality, high skill jobs for hard-working North Carolina families," said Easley. "This is validation that our investments in education, workforce training and infrastructure are paying off."

The majority of new jobs include engineering positions with an average salary of \$75,000 per year. The expansion represents an estimated \$4 million investment for the area.

"Charlotte has been the home of our nuclear engineering and federal services teams for many years and we are proud to be a part of this business community," said Tom Christopher, CEO of AREVA Enterprises, Inc. "We appreciate the outstanding efforts of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the City of Charlotte, the County of Mecklenburg and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce to assist AREVA in the decision to expand in North Carolina."

AREVA is a world leader in the energy industry and has a strong industrial presence in more than 40 countries. AREVA provides clients with technological solutions for nuclear energy production and electricity transmission and distribution. The Charlotte office serves as a regional headquarters to support the company's global objectives.

AREVA will receive \$350,000 in One N.C. competitive fund money to be used for new equipment, machinery and infrastructure improvements.

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